(b) In one case prosecution has been launched against the delinquent Army Officer. Further action in the other case would depend on the final outcome of CBI investmetigation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Rocket firing by Pakistani Troops

2341. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the beginning of July, 1994, Pakistani troops fired several rockets across the line of control into Nowshera and Ghambir sectors of Poonch and Rajouri;

(b) if so, how many times Pakistani troops resorted to rocket firing in Poonch and Rajouri sectors since the beginning of 1994;

(c) what is the number of casualties, if any and the extent of damage in the border villages under rocket attacks; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Firing by Pakistani troops across the line of control in J&K is a regular feature. In recent past Pakistan has been firing rockets from across the line of control.

(b) During the period 1 Jan., 94 to 28 July 94, 53 rockets were fired in Poonch sector and 60 rockets were fired in Rajouri sector.

(c) There have been no reports of casualties on our side of the border.

(d) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on national security and appropriate measures are taken as required.

Disappearance of MIG-21 trainer aircraft

2342. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-21 trainer aircraft with two pilots abroad has disappeared in the Chamba district and has not been traced so far; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) On July 19, 1994, a type 69B aircraft (MIG-21 trainer) with two pilots on board, got airborne from Pathankot Airfield at 0950 hours for a routine instrument/cloud flying exercise. Approximately 15 minutes after take off, the radar lost contact with it. Inspite of best efforts from base, no radar or radio contact could be established with the aircraft. Later, the wreckage of the aircraft was located on 23rd July, 1994. Both the pilots were killed.

Manufacture of Solar cells by Bharat Electronics Ltd.

2343. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Ltd. is taking up the manufacture of terrestrial solar cells;

(b) if so, the present production capacity of Bharat Electronics Ltd.;

(c) whether Bharat Electronic also propose to export solar cells; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Bharat Electronics Limtied (BEL) have signed an agreement with M|s Spire Corporation, U.S.A., early this year, for setting up of manufacturing facilities for solar cells at their unit in Bangalore. This will be a new line of production for BEL. The facilities will be covered by the Electronics